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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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TAGS: CI, SREF

SUBJECT: WIRE SERVICE STORY ON POSSIBLE RELEASE OF CHILEAN  
DETAINEES

REF: A) SANTIAGO 6113; B) SANTIAGO 6083

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS APPARENTLY FILED STORY FROM SANTIAGO OCT 29 QUOTING "HIGH GOVERNMENT SOURCE" THAT GOC IS PLANNING A MASS RELEASE OF DETAINEES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA AND COMMUNIST PARTY SEC GEN LUIS CORVALAN. ACCORDING TO TRUNCATED VERSIONS OF AP STORY APPEARING IN SANTIAGO PRESS, SOME 500 PERSONS WOULD BE EXILED AND ANOTHER 1500 WOULD BE RELEASED AND REMAIN IN CHILE. OF FIRST GROUP, 200 WOULD TRANSIT VENEZUELA FOR EVENTUAL RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE, 200 WOULD GO TO CANADA, AND 100 TO WESTERN EUROPE. CORVALAN WOULD ALLEGEDLY GO TO MOSCOW AND ALMEYDA TO ENGLAND.

2. ASKED TO COMMENT ON AP REPORT, JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY SAID THAT STATUS OF CORVALAN REMAINS UNCHANGED AND THAT NOTHING NEW HAS DEVELOPED SINCE MIN INTERIOR STATEMENT OCT 8 (SIC) THAT GOC IS STUDYING RELEASE OF "OVER  
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800 (SIC) DETAINEES NOT BEING PROCESSED FOR COMMON CRIMES OR

SECURITY OFFENSES".

3. COMMENT: AP STORY IS PROBABLY BASED ON ICRC SOUNDINGS REPORTED REF A AMONG EMBASSIES HERE AS TO WILLINGNESS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT CHILEAN EXILES. FIGURES OF 500 AND 1500 WERE CITED AS NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOC PLANNED TO RELEASE IN OCT-NOV PERIOD. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO PERSONS AWAITING TRIAL OR ALREADY CONVICTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED BUT NOT CHARGED HAVE BEEN.

4. WILLOUGHBY IS CONFUSED. MIN INTERIOR STATEMENT WAS OCT 3 AND TALKED OF 748 PERSONS AS "DETAINED" UNDER STATE OF SIEGE REGULATIONS (REF B). AS NOTED ABOVE, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING RELEASED.  
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